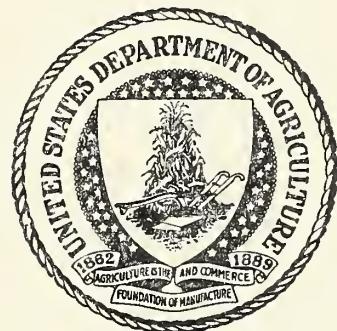


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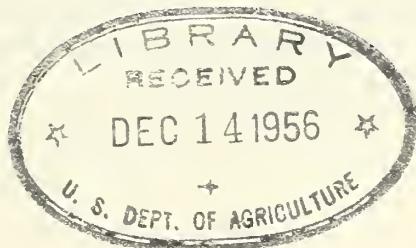
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IN THE UNITED STATES



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This report presents some preliminary results on food expenditures from a nationwide survey of household food consumption made in April-June 1955 by the Agricultural Research Service and Agricultural Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture. The work has been conducted in the Agricultural Research Service by the Household Economics Research Branch and in the Agricultural Marketing Service by the Market Development Branch and the Statistical and Historical Research Branch. The data were collected and tabulated by National Analysts, Inc., under contract with the Department.

FOOD EXPENDITURES OF HOUSEHOLDS IN THE UNITED STATES

Food expenditures of housekeeping families in the United States averaged \$27 a week in the spring of 1955. About \$22 of this was for food consumed at home. The remainder, \$5.00, was spent for meals and between-meal food away from home. These figures include expenditures for soft drinks and alcoholic beverages but do not include the many nonfood items that are commonly bought in grocery stores.

The average size of the family was 3.43 persons. The average expenditure per member was therefore \$7.89 a week for all food, \$6.50 for food at home and \$1.39 for food consumed away from home.

One-member families were included in the survey if they served 10 or more meals at home. Their average expenditure for food was \$10. Of this total, \$8.50 was for food at home and \$1.50 for food away from home. Families of 2 or more members made up by far the largest share (92 percent) of the total number of households. Their average expenditure for food was about the same as the average expenditure for families of all sizes.

Rural-urban differences

Urban families of all sizes spent \$30 or about 75 percent more for food than the \$17 spent by rural farm families. Food expenditures of rural nonfarm families, those living in communities of less than 2,500 or in the open country but not classed as farm families, were in between--about \$24. In addition all 3 groups produced some of their own food although average amounts in urban areas were small. Information from the survey on food produced at home is not yet available.

Rural-urban differences were especially wide for expenditures for food away from home. Urban families spent about \$5.75 for the week, rural nonfarm \$3.50, and farm \$2.00.

Regional differences

Regional differences were slight except for lower food expenditures in the South. For the total of food at home and food away from home, the averages for a week in spring 1955 were: Northeast, \$31; North Central, \$28; West, \$30; and South, \$22. Since the southern families were larger, differences per person were relatively greater.

Differences by Income

Families of 2 or more persons with money income between \$5,000 and \$6,000 after taxes spent \$33 a week for food, more than twice as much as the \$15 spent by those with income under \$2,000. Because the higher income families were somewhat larger, their expenditures for food on a per person basis were not quite twice as large as those of the low-income families.

High- and low-income families differed more in their expenditures for food away from home than for food served at home. Per person expenditure for food away from home of families with income from \$5,000 to \$6,000 was a little more than 3 times that of families with less than \$2,000, and for food served at home was 1-3/4 times that of the low-income group.

Food expenditures of farm families are less closely related to income than are those of urban families because of the large quantities of home-produced food on farms. Therefore, differences between income levels have more meaning for many purposes if urban families only are considered. Food expenditures of urban families with income under \$2,000 averaged \$18 compared with \$34 for those with income \$5,000 to \$6,000, or about \$6 and \$9 per person, respectively.

Changes since 1942 and 1948

The food expenditure increase since the previous nationwide survey in 1942 reflects both higher food prices and the use of more expensive foods. In 1955, average food expenditure was about three times the average of \$10 in 1942.

A more precise comparison can be made for urban families of 2 or more persons. They spent \$13 in 1942, \$26 in 1948, and \$32 in 1955. Food prices as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index advanced only 6.5 percent between 1948 and 1955. The fact that families increased their food expenditures by about 25 percent indicates what is sometimes referred to as "up-grading" of the diet--either use of more expensive types of foods or inclusion of more services, such as pre-cooking of foods.

Scope and nature of survey

In this survey approximately 6,000 households throughout the United States were interviewed during April, May, and June 1955. They reported quantities of food and expenditures for food used at home during the week preceding the interview. Estimates were obtained of expenditures for meals and between-meal snacks eaten away from home. Information was also obtained on home food production and on home food preservation and home baking practices. The Department of Agriculture made similar surveys in 1936, 1942, 1948, and 1952, but the 1955 survey is the first to include both rural and urban households on a nationwide basis since 1942.

Publication plans

The basic data of the survey fall into 5 categories, as follows:

1. Food Consumption of Households: Quantities and expense for some 200 food items. Food from all sources (including home-produced) and purchased food will be shown separately where home production is important.

2. Dietary Levels: Nutritive content of food consumed, and quantities of food consumed grouped in suitable nutrition groupings.
3. Home Food Preservation Practices: Canning and freezing by households during 1954.
4. Home food production by rural households during 1954.
5. Home baking practices of households.

Present plans call for a set of publications for each category. For item 1, food consumption of households, 5 reports will be issued; 1 for all regions combined and 1 each for 4 regions. The number of publications in the other sets has not yet been determined.

In all reports separate data will be shown by income for each region and the United States for rural farm, rural nonfarm, urban, nonfarm (rural nonfarm and urban), and all urbanizations combined. The sample was not self-weighting and requires the use of weights in combining the farm and nonfarm data.

The reports on the basic data will be released in a special publication series jointly by the Agricultural Research Service and the Agricultural Marketing Service. Publications reporting the consumption data are expected to be available late in 1956.

Table 1.--ALL U. S. Food expenditures of housekeeping families classified by urbanization and money income, one week in spring 1955

Urbanization and money income after taxes (dollars)	Average family size	Food expenditures in week per family			Families having food away from home in a week
		Total	For food at home <u>1/</u>	For meals and between-meal food away from home	
	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Percent</u>
UNITED STATES					
All families.....	3.43	27.05	22.29	4.76	77.0
One-member families.....	1.00	10.13	8.55	1.58	50.8
Families of 2 or more....	3.64	28.54	23.50	5.04	79.4
Under 2,000.....	3.28	14.69	13.24	1.45	52.6
Under 1,000.....	3.23	11.69	10.78	.91	40.1
1,000-1,999.....	3.31	16.60	14.81	1.79	60.5
2,000-2,999.....	3.57	22.55	19.65	2.90	75.3
3,000-3,999.....	3.76	27.00	23.18	3.82	83.3
4,000-4,999.....	3.76	30.27	25.41	4.86	85.3
5,000-5,999.....	3.83	33.03	27.75	5.28	85.5
6,000-7,999.....	3.73	36.14	28.63	7.51	90.4
8,000-9,999.....	3.89	39.21	30.19	9.02	88.0
10,000 and over.....	3.84	52.44	36.92	15.52	93.9
Not classified.....	3.39	29.38	22.76	6.62	80.2
NONFARM					
All families.....	3.35	28.28	23.19	5.09	78.4
One-member families.....	1.00	10.20	8.61	1.59	50.4
Families of 2 or more....	3.58	30.01	24.59	5.42	81.1
Under 2,000.....	3.05	15.51	13.89	1.62	53.0
Under 1,000.....	2.81	11.98	11.10	.88	36.7
1,000-1,999.....	3.17	17.29	15.30	1.99	61.3
2,000-2,999.....	3.50	23.35	20.33	3.02	75.6
3,000-3,999.....	3.73	27.70	23.76	3.94	83.7
4,000-4,999.....	3.71	30.88	25.90	4.98	85.8
5,000-5,999.....	3.78	33.52	28.17	5.35	85.9
6,000-7,999.....	3.67	36.78	29.04	7.74	91.0
8,000-9,999.....	3.81	40.10	30.79	9.31	88.0
10,000 and over.....	3.83	53.07	37.24	15.83	94.5
Not classified.....	3.26	31.67	24.18	7.49	83.0

See footnote at end of table.

Table 1.--ALL U. S. Food expenditures of housekeeping families classified by urbanization and money income, one week in spring 1955--Continued

Urbanization and money income after taxes (dollars)	Average family size	Food expenditures in week per family			Families having food away from home in a week
		Total	For food at home <u>1/</u>	For meals and between-meal food away from home	
	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Percent</u>
URBAN					
All families.....	3.26	30.00	24.24	5.76	81.7
One-member families.....	1.00	10.62	8.70	1.92	58.3
Families of 2 or more...	3.49	31.96	25.81	6.15	84.1
Under 2,000.....	2.88	17.53	15.31	2.22	61.2
Under 1,000.....	2.59	15.09	13.43	1.66	46.6
1,000-1,999.....	2.98	18.38	15.97	2.41	66.3
2,000-2,999.....	3.28	23.22	20.26	2.96	75.3
3,000-3,999.....	3.61	28.64	24.53	4.11	86.3
4,000-4,999.....	3.65	31.66	26.20	5.46	86.9
5,000-5,999.....	3.62	33.94	28.66	5.28	84.3
6,000-7,999.....	3.62	37.49	29.32	8.17	92.6
8,000-9,999.....	3.77	39.41	30.37	9.04	87.2
10,000 and over.....	3.80	54.80	38.44	16.36	95.1
Not classified.....	3.17	33.94	25.10	8.84	85.3
RURAL NONFARM					
All families.....	3.56	24.28	20.75	3.53	70.8
One-member families.....	1.00	9.08	8.37	.71	29.2
Families of 2 or more	3.78	25.57	21.80	3.77	74.4
Under 2,000.....	3.22	13.47	12.46	1.01	44.8
Under 1,000.....	2.95	10.01	9.63	.38	30.4
1,000-1,999.....	3.42	15.90	14.15	1.45	55.0
2,000-2,999.....	3.88	23.58	20.45	3.13	76.1
3,000-3,999.....	3.98	25.84	22.25	3.59	78.7
4,000-4,999.....	3.88	28.88	25.13	3.75	83.1
5,000-5,999.....	4.22	32.38	26.85	5.53	90.2
6,000-7,999.....	3.83	34.24	28.04	6.20	85.1
8,000-9,999.....	4.00	43.29	32.74	10.55	92.0
10,000 and over.....	4.00	42.39	29.86	12.53	91.3
Not classified.....	3.53	24.64	21.31	3.33	75.6

See footnote at end of table.

Table 1.--ALL U. S. Food expenditures of housekeeping families classified by urbanization and money income, one week in spring 1955--Continued

Urbanization and money income after taxes (dollars)	Average family size	Food expenditures in week per family			Families having food away from home in a week
		Total	For food at home 1/	For meals and between-meal food away from home	
Persons	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	
RURAL FARM					
All families.....	4.01	17.16	15.04	2.12	65.8
One-member families.....	1.00	8.27	7.03	1.24	59.6
Families of 2 or more....	4.10	17.42	15.27	2.15	66.0
Under 2,000.....	3.83	12.70	11.65	1.05	51.5
Under 1,000.....	3.90	11.25	10.28	.97	45.5
1,000-1,999.....	3.77	14.27	13.14	1.13	58.0
2,000-2,999.....	4.03	17.52	15.37	2.15	73.3
3,000-3,999.....	4.12	19.25	16.71	2.54	78.1
4,000-4,999.....	4.38	21.50	18.39	3.11	78.2
5,000-5,999.....	4.68	25.17	20.91	4.26	79.2
6,000-7,999.....	4.82	24.81	21.33	3.48	79.6
8,000-9,999.....	5.03	26.32	21.49	4.83	87.2
10,000 and over.....	4.00	34.14	27.52	6.62	73.9
Not classified.....	4.06	17.45	15.37	2.08	65.6

1/ Excludes "pro rata" amounts of food to boarders, farm help, and members of secondary families.

Table 2.--NORTHEAST. Food expenditures of housekeeping families classified by urbanization and money income, one week in spring 1955

Urbanization and money income after taxes (dollars)	Average family size	Food expenditures in week per family			Families having food away from home in a week
		Total	For food at home <u>1/</u>	For meals and between-meal food away from home	
Persons	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	
NORTHEAST					
All families.....	3.3 ⁴	30.77	24.77	6.00	80.4
One-member families.....	1.00	11.37	9.37	2.00	59.4
Families of 2 or more....	3.54	32.41	26.07	6.34	82.2
Under 2,000.....	2.93	16.29	14.85	1.44	46.0
Under 1,000.....	2.78	13.99	13.29	.70	22.3
1,000-1,999.....	3.00	17.36	15.57	1.79	57.0
2,000-2,999.....	3.21	24.08	20.78	3.30	71.4
3,000-3,999.....	3.66	29.71	25.19	4.52	85.6
4,000-4,999.....	3.69	33.17	26.89	6.28	89.0
5,000-5,999.....	3.70	35.05	29.41	5.64	86.8
6,000-7,999.....	3.72	38.81	30.18	8.63	87.3
8,000-9,999.....	4.20	43.45	34.03	9.42	88.0
10,000 and over.....	3.78	50.90	33.74	17.16	94.5
Not classified.....	3.16	33.51	24.90	8.61	81.9
NONFARM					
All families.....	3.32	31.16	25.01	6.15	80.9
One-member families.....	1.00	11.3 ⁴	9.32	2.02	59.8
Families of 2 or more....	3.52	32.89	26.38	6.51	82.8
Under 2,000.....	2.86	16.25	14.73	1.52	45.5
Under 1,000.....	2.61	13.05	12.45	.60	17.4
1,000-1,999.....	2.96	17.62	15.70	1.92	57.4
2,000-2,999.....	3.19	24.57	21.16	3.41	71.8
3,000-3,999.....	3.63	30.12	25.50	4.62	85.6
4,000-4,999.....	3.69	33.38	27.02	6.36	88.9
5,000-5,999.....	3.68	35.24	29.55	5.69	87.1
6,000-7,999.....	3.69	39.10	30.34	8.76	87.9
8,000-9,999.....	4.17	43.58	34.12	9.46	87.8
10,000 and over.....	3.80	50.65	33.38	17.27	95.0
Not classified.....	3.12	34.23	25.24	8.99	82.8

See footnote at end of table.

Table 2.--NORTHEAST. Food expenditures of housekeeping families classified by urbanization and money income, one week in spring 1955--Continued

Urbanization and money income after taxes (dollars)	Average family size	Food expenditures in week per family			Families having food away from home in a week
		Total	For food at home 1/	For meals and between-meal food away from home	
URBAN	Persons	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent
All families.....	3.26	32.62	25.70	6.93	83.1
One-member families.....	1.00	12.11	9.81	2.30	65.0
Families of 2 or more....	3.48	34.58	27.21	7.37	84.8
Under 2,000.....	2.78	17.27	15.56	1.71	52.2
2,000-2,999.....	3.00	23.91	20.23	3.68	73.2
3,000-3,999.....	3.56	31.73	26.50	5.23	86.4
4,000-4,999.....	3.66	34.85	27.64	7.21	89.7
5,000-5,999.....	3.57	36.85	30.31	6.54	88.6
6,000-7,999.....	3.64	40.64	31.17	9.46	89.7
8,000-9,999.....	4.23	43.50	34.22	9.28	85.7
10,000 and over.....	3.69	50.32	33.28	17.04	94.4
Not classified.....	3.14	35.87	25.90	9.97	84.0
RURAL NONFARM					
All families.....	3.50	26.53	22.83	3.70	74.1
One-member families.....	1.00	7.70	7.00	.70	35.3
Families of 2 or more....	3.66	27.71	23.82	3.89	76.6
Under 2,000.....	2.97	14.73	13.49	1.24	35.5
2,000-2,999.....	3.62	26.04	23.22	2.82	68.8
3,000-3,999.....	3.35	25.07	22.37	2.70	83.0
4,000-4,999.....	3.76	28.34	24.90	3.44	86.3
5,000-5,999.....	3.95	31.21	27.65	3.56	83.3
6,000 and over.....	3.93	37.35	29.10	8.25	86.4
Not classified.....	3.04	26.79	22.25	4.54	76.9
RURAL FARM					
All families.....	3.83	20.80	18.68	2.12	68.4
One-member families.....	1.00	14.12	14.02	.10	25.0
Families of 2 or more....	3.89	20.94	18.78	2.16	69.3
Under 2,000.....	3.39	16.59	15.68	.91	50.0
Under 1,000.....	3.55	18.37	17.18	1.19	45.0
1,000-1,999.....	3.27	15.21	14.52	.69	53.8
2,000-2,999.....	3.48	17.25	15.48	1.77	65.5
3,000-3,999.....	4.25	19.75	17.68	2.07	87.5
4,000-4,999.....	4.11	22.71	20.43	2.28	94.4
5,000-5,999.....	4.55	24.76	21.79	2.97	72.7
6,000 and over.....	4.68	34.65	29.22	5.43	68.4
Not classified.....	3.82	21.25	19.13	2.12	67.6

1/ Excludes "pro rata" amounts of food to boarders, farm help, and members of secondary families.

Table 3.--NORTH CENTRAL. Food expenditures of housekeeping families classified by urbanization and money income, one week in spring 1955

Urbanization and money income after taxes (dollars)	Average family size	Food expenditures in week per family			Families having food away from home in a week
		Total	For food at home 1/	For meals and between-meal food away from home	
Persons	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	
NORTH CENTRAL					
All families.....	3.39	28.22	23.27	4.95	75.4
One-member families.....	1.00	10.23	8.48	1.75	53.2
Families of 2 or more...	3.60	29.74	24.52	5.22	77.3
Under 2,000.....	2.76	14.98	13.51	1.47	45.5
Under 1,000.....	2.74	13.47	11.87	1.60	37.0
1,000-1,999.....	2.77	15.79	14.39	1.40	50.0
2,000-2,999.....	3.37	23.09	20.05	3.04	68.2
3,000-3,999.....	3.63	26.48	22.95	3.53	79.1
4,000-4,999.....	3.77	29.33	25.20	4.13	79.3
5,000-5,999.....	3.74	31.99	26.90	5.09	83.0
6,000-7,999.....	3.84	35.73	28.68	7.05	90.1
8,000-9,999.....	3.81	38.42	29.12	9.30	86.2
10,000 and over.....	4.02	52.84	38.19	14.65	91.5
Not classified.....	3.43	28.45	22.57	5.88	76.6
NONFARM					
All families.....	3.32	29.81	24.43	5.38	76.8
One-member families.....	1.00	10.30	8.54	1.76	53.4
Families of 2 or more...	3.53	31.66	25.94	5.72	79.1
Under 2,000.....	2.51	16.09	14.35	1.74	42.2
Under 1,000.....	2.41	15.72	13.43	2.29	33.3
1,000-1,999.....	2.56	16.24	14.74	1.50	46.0
2,000-2,999.....	3.24	24.60	21.36	3.24	66.7
3,000-3,999.....	3.60	27.55	23.82	3.73	79.9
4,000-4,999.....	3.72	30.30	26.03	4.27	80.4
5,000-5,999.....	3.63	32.56	27.32	5.24	84.0
6,000-7,999.....	3.77	36.62	29.28	7.34	90.9
8,000-9,999.....	3.66	39.56	29.89	9.67	85.7
10,000 and over.....	4.00	53.76	38.78	14.98	91.9
Not classified.....	3.26	31.94	24.81	7.13	80.6

See footnote at end of table.

Table 3.--NORTH CENTRAL. Food expenditures of housekeeping families classified by urbanization and money income, one week in spring 1955--Continued

Urbanization and money income after taxes (dollars)	Average family size	Food expenditures in week per family			Families having food away from home in a week
		Total	For food at home 1/	For meals and between-meal food away from home	
	Persons	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent
URBAN					
All families.....	3.30	32.28	26.09	6.19	81.5
One-member families.....	1.00	11.68	9.23	2.45	66.7
Families of 2 or more....	3.50	34.05	27.54	6.51	82.7
Under 2,000.....	2.51	20.27	17.26	3.01	53.7
2,000-2,999.....	3.18	25.41	22.34	3.07	64.9
3,000-3,999.....	3.37	28.92	25.28	3.64	84.8
4,000-4,999.....	3.66	31.30	26.76	4.54	82.5
5,000-5,999.....	3.49	32.87	27.88	4.99	81.4
6,000-7,999.....	3.75	37.66	29.69	7.97	93.0
8,000-9,999.....	3.51	39.92	28.87	11.05	86.7
10,000 and over.....	4.02	56.88	41.37	15.51	93.5
Not classified.....	3.20	34.13	25.37	8.76	82.6
RURAL NONFARM					
All families.....	3.36	24.14	20.63	3.51	66.2
One-member families.....	1.00	7.83	7.30	.53	29.7
Families of 2 or more....	3.63	26.01	22.16	3.85	70.4
Under 2,000.....	2.51	12.58	11.91	.67	32.7
2,000-2,999.....	3.33	23.34	19.81	3.53	69.4
3,000-3,999.....	4.02	25.11	21.22	3.89	71.2
4,000-4,999.....	3.89	27.80	24.19	3.61	75.0
5,000-5,999.....	4.00	31.66	25.71	5.95	91.2
6,000 and over.....	3.93	34.77	28.45	6.32	82.8
Not classified.....	3.42	25.67	23.21	2.46	75.0
RURAL FARM					
All families.....	3.88	18.11	15.90	2.21	66.3
One-member families.....	1.00	8.85	7.30	1.55	50.0
Families of 2 or more....	3.96	18.36	16.13	2.23	66.8
Under 2,000.....	3.22	12.89	11.93	.96	51.6
Under 1,000.....	3.17	10.58	9.87	.71	41.7
1,000-1,999.....	3.26	14.72	13.56	1.16	59.4
2,000-2,999.....	3.85	17.77	15.46	2.31	73.6
3,000-3,999.....	3.85	18.56	16.51	2.05	73.0
4,000-4,999.....	4.17	20.88	17.97	2.91	69.9
5,000-5,999.....	4.94	26.32	22.72	3.60	73.1
6,000 and over.....	4.88	25.47	21.27	4.20	83.3
Not classified.....	4.03	16.65	14.98	1.67	62.7

1/ Excludes "pro rata" amounts of food to boarders, farm help, and members of secondary families.

Table 4.--SOUTH. Food expenditures of housekeeping families classified by urbanization and money income, one week in spring 1955

Urbanization and money income after taxes (dollars)	Average family size	Food expenditures in week per family			Families having food away from home in a week
		Total	For food at home ^{1/}	For meals and between-meal food away from home	
	Persons	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent
SOUTH					
All families.....	3.62	21.54	18.25	3.29	75.2
One-member families.....	1.00	8.46	7.75	.71	39.4
Families of 2 or more....	3.85	22.70	19.18	3.52	78.3
Under 2,000.....	3.61	13.88	12.48	1.40	57.0
Under 1,000.....	3.50	10.44	9.70	.74	43.5
1,000-1,999.....	3.70	16.55	14.64	1.91	67.6
2,000-2,999.....	4.04	21.40	18.62	2.78	82.6
3,000-3,999.....	4.02	24.99	21.27	3.72	85.2
4,000-4,999.....	3.90	27.70	23.23	4.47	91.5
5,000-5,999.....	4.15	31.68	25.57	6.11	90.8
6,000-7,999.....	3.70	31.98	25.64	6.34	94.1
8,000-9,999.....	3.94	37.23	28.59	8.64	94.2
10,000 and over.....	3.51	37.74	30.41	7.33	97.4
Not classified.....	3.76	23.06	18.69	4.37	80.4
NONFARM					
All families.....	3.51	22.87	19.31	3.56	77.4
One-member families.....	1.00	8.58	7.89	.69	37.7
Families of 2 or more....	3.76	24.32	20.47	3.85	81.4
Under 2,000.....	3.36	14.89	13.32	1.57	59.6
Under 1,000.....	3.01	10.45	9.87	.58	41.5
1,000-1,999.....	3.57	17.55	15.39	2.16	70.5
2,000-2,999.....	3.99	22.10	19.23	2.87	83.8
3,000-3,999.....	4.00	25.68	21.86	3.82	85.6
4,000-4,999.....	3.81	28.13	23.66	4.47	91.5
5,000-5,999.....	4.15	32.39	26.28	6.11	90.7
6,000-7,999.....	3.60	32.68	26.12	6.56	94.9
8,000-9,999.....	3.96	38.55	29.52	9.03	95.8
10,000 and over.....	3.50	38.44	30.90	7.54	100.0
Not classified.....	3.58	25.42	20.27	5.15	84.9

See footnote at end of table.

Table 4.--SOUTH. Food expenditures of housekeeping families classified by urbanization and money income, one week in spring 1955--Continued

Urbanization and money income after taxes (dollars)	Average family size	Food expenditures in week per family			Families having food away from home in a week
		Total	For food at home 1/	For meals and between-meal food away from home	
Persons	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	
URBAN					
All families.....	3.29	23.60	19.88	3.72	81.0
One-member families.....	1.00	8.42	7.49	.93	45.8
Families of 2 or more....	3.56	25.35	21.31	4.04	85.0
Under 2,000.....	3.15	16.78	14.68	2.10	69.2
Under 1,000.....	2.90	12.39	11.35	1.04	54.8
1,000-1,999.....	3.23	18.37	15.88	2.49	74.4
2,000-2,999.....	3.61	21.78	19.23	2.55	82.6
3,000-3,999.....	3.85	24.97	21.55	3.42	87.9
4,000-4,999.....	3.60	27.76	22.90	4.86	90.8
5,000-5,999.....	4.00	32.06	27.22	4.84	86.0
6,000-7,999.....	3.48	31.79	25.23	6.56	96.7
8,000-9,999.....	3.95	36.41	29.35	7.06	94.7
10,000 and over.....	3.31	38.23	30.82	7.41	100.0
Not classified.....	3.19	28.45	21.99	6.46	88.4
RURAL NONFARM					
All families.....	3.83	21.79	18.46	3.33	71.9
One-member families.....	1.00	8.92	8.73	.19	20.6
Families of 2 or more....	4.05	22.81	19.23	3.58	76.0
Under 2,000.....	3.55	13.22	12.12	1.10	51.1
Under 1,000.....	3.06	9.50	9.15	.35	34.9
1,000-1,999.....	3.99	16.56	14.79	1.77	65.7
2,000-2,999.....	4.59	22.60	19.23	3.37	85.7
3,000-3,999.....	4.21	26.74	22.33	4.41	82.1
4,000-4,999.....	4.15	28.71	24.85	3.86	92.7
5,000-5,999.....	4.44	33.08	24.42	8.66	100.0
6,000 and over.....	4.00	38.22	29.64	8.58	92.9
Not classified.....	4.13	21.08	17.80	3.28	80.0

See footnote at end of table.

Table 4.--SOUTH. Food expenditure of housekeeping families classified by urbanization and money income, one week in spring 1955--Continued

Urbanization and money income after taxes (dollars)	Average family size	Food expenditures in week per family			Families having food away from home in a week
		Total	For food at home 1/	For meals and between-meal food away from home	
Persons	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	
RURAL FARM					
All families.....	4.17	14.74	12.85	1.89	64.0
One-member families.....	1.00	6.44	5.37	1.07	68.0
Families of 2 or more....	4.26	14.98	13.06	1.92	63.9
Under 2,000.....	4.16	11.71	10.68	1.03	51.5
Under 1,000.....	4.18	10.45	9.47	.98	46.2
1,000-1,999.....	4.12	13.38	12.28	1.10	58.5
2,000-2,999.....	4.34	17.31	15.09	2.22	75.4
3,000-3,999.....	4.30	17.91	15.20	2.71	81.7
4,000-4,999.....	4.96	22.34	17.91	4.43	91.3
5,000-5,999.....	4.16	23.04	17.02	6.02	92.0
6,000 and over.....	4.54	22.85	19.30	3.55	78.4
Not classified.....	4.25	16.57	14.35	2.22	67.9

1/ Excludes "pro rata" amounts of food to boarders, farm help, and members of secondary families.

Table 5.--WEST. Food expenditures of housekeeping families classified by urbanization and money income, one week in spring 1955

Urbanization and money income after taxes (dollars)	Average family size	Food expenditures in week per family			Families having food away from home in a week
		Total	For food at home 1/	For meals and between-meal food away from home	
	Persons	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent
WEST					
All families.....	3.22	29.55	24.38	5.17	78.1
One-member families.....	1.00	11.21	8.89	2.32	53.9
Families of 2 or more...	3.45	31.52	26.05	5.47	80.7
Under 2,000.....	2.73	17.78	15.87	1.91	50.7
Under 1,000.....	2.53	17.18	16.28	.90	52.8
1,000-1,999.....	2.80	17.97	15.74	2.23	50.0
2,000-2,999.....	2.91	22.65	20.45	2.20	70.1
3,000-3,999.....	3.58	27.17	24.14	3.03	81.4
4,000-4,999.....	3.63	29.83	25.94	3.89	82.0
5,000-5,999.....	3.96	32.37	28.57	3.80	81.5
6,000-7,999.....	3.44	36.93	29.03	7.90	93.7
8,000-9,999.....	3.47	35.81	27.86	7.95	85.7
10,000 and over.....	3.68	61.58	41.51	20.07	96.3
Not classified.....	3.22	31.70	24.90	6.80	83.2
NONFARM					
All families.....	3.16	30.10	24.77	5.33	78.6
One-member families.....	1.00	11.27	8.93	2.35	53.1
Families of 2 or more...	3.40	32.20	26.54	5.66	81.5
Under 2,000.....	2.57	17.02	15.14	1.88	50.0
Under 1,000.....	2.17	14.90	14.67	.23	50.0
1,000-1,999.....	2.67	17.55	15.26	2.29	50.0
2,000-2,999.....	2.85	22.98	20.69	2.29	70.2
3,000-3,999.....	3.52	27.32	24.40	2.92	82.2
4,000-4,999.....	3.59	30.33	26.32	4.01	82.4
5,000-5,999.....	3.92	32.77	29.02	3.75	81.4
6,000-7,999.....	3.39	37.20	29.19	8.01	93.9
8,000-9,999.....	3.33	36.50	28.15	8.35	85.7
10,000 and over.....	3.67	62.46	41.95	20.51	97.0
Not classified.....	3.17	33.11	25.92	7.19	85.4

See footnote at end of the table.

Table 5--WEST. Food expenditures of housekeeping families classified by urbanization and money income, one week in spring 1955--Continued

Urbanization and money income after taxes (dollars)	Average family size	Food expenditures in week per family			Families having food away from home in a week
		Total	For food at home 1/	For meals and between-meal food away from home	
Persons	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	
URBAN					
All families.....	3.14	30.35	24.64	5.71	80.4
One-member families.....	1.00	9.87	7.80	2.07	53.7
Families of 2 or more.....	3.40	32.85	26.69	6.16	83.7
Under 2,000.....	2.25	16.80	14.39	2.41	50.0
2,000-2,999.....	3.00	22.68	20.16	2.52	73.3
3,000-3,999.....	3.62	28.08	24.57	3.51	85.1
4,000-4,999.....	3.64	29.16	25.35	3.81	84.8
5,000-5,999.....	3.56	31.70	28.15	3.55	79.2
6,000-7,999.....	3.40	37.08	29.31	7.77	92.9
8,000-9,999.....	3.33	33.39	27.74	5.65	83.3
10,000 and over.....	3.71	62.80	41.77	21.03	96.8
Not classified.....	3.17	33.80	25.69	8.11	91.4
RURAL NONFARM					
All families.....	3.25	29.19	25.21	3.98	72.5
One-member families.....	1.00	18.46	14.69	3.77	50.0
Families of 2 or more.....	3.43	30.05	26.05	4.00	74.3
Under 2,000.....	3.20	17.47	16.66	.81	50.0
2,000-3,999.....	3.05	24.98	23.12	1.86	72.1
4,000-5,999.....	4.17	35.52	30.85	4.67	80.0
6,000 and over.....	3.25	45.49	31.75	13.74	100.0
Not classified.....	3.17	29.09	27.26	1.83	50.0
RURAL FARM					
All families.....	3.91	22.34	19.27	3.07	70.7
One-member families.....	1.00	9.63	8.06	1.57	75.0
Families of 2 or more.....	4.08	23.06	19.91	3.15	70.4
Under 2,000.....	3.40	20.83	18.77	2.06	53.3
2,000-3,999.....	4.13	22.88	19.71	3.17	71.1
4,000-5,999.....	4.53	22.92	19.98	2.94	79.4
6,000 and over.....	4.65	30.00	25.28	4.72	85.0
Not classified.....	3.65	20.06	16.49	3.57	65.0

1/ Excluded "pro rata" amounts of food to boarders, farm help, and members of secondary families.



